(b) if so, the details thereof along with its terms of reference;

(c) whether the said Committee has since finalised its recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the likely time by when the same will be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Terms of Reference are as follows:

(i) To assess the magnitude of stagnation in all the grades of AFHQ Civil Service and AFHQ Clerical Service, *vis-a-vis* similarly recruited/ placed officers of other services and suggest remedial measures.

(ii) To review the structure of AFHQ Civil Service and AFHQ Clerical Service keeping in view the various recommendations and demands of Association of AFHQ Services.

The Committee is in the process of finalizing its recommendations and the report is likely to be submitted shortly.

District Army Welfare Board In Chhattisgarh

†2382. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Chhattisgarh where District Army Welfare Board has been set up;

(b) the dates and years of their establishment;

(c) the number of ex-servicemen who have been provided assistance through them for self-employment and appointment in services during the last three years; and

(d) the ex-servicemen-wise details of assistance provided by the Raigarh District Army Welfare board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE):

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(a) and (b) There are five Districts/ Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) in Chhattisgarh. The dates and years of their establishment are as under:-

(i)	Rajnandgaon	—	21.8.1989
(ii)	Durg	—	1.4.1988
(iii)	Raipur	—	1.11.1956
(iv)	Bilaspur	—	1.11.1956
(v)	Raigarh	—	April 1989 (shifted to Jashpur on 7.5.2005)

(c)Three Ex-servicemen have been given assistance for self-employment under SEMFEX- II Scheme - two form Raipur and one from Bilaspur. Employment provided to Ex-sevicemen through District/ Zila Welfare Officers in last three years is as given below:

(i)	Raipur	—	21
(ii)	Durg	—	62
(iii)	Bilaspur	—	24
(iv)	Rajnandgaon	—	11
(v)	Raigarh	—	16

(d) Assistance provided by District/Zila Welfare Office of Raigarh in last three years is as under:-

	Year	**Financial assistance**		
(i)	2002	1 Case	—	Rs. 5,000/-
(ii)	2003	3 Case	—	Rs. 13,000/-
(iii)	2004	5 Case	—	Rs. 17,000/-

Observance of 2006 as Ex-servicemen year

2383. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in recognition of the services rendered by the Armed Forces for maintenance of national soverignty and Integrity during Kargil war, culminating in 'Operation Vijay' and 'Operation Parakram' and in fighting the proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir and the North-Eastern,

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